

vetoed House Bill 435 – *Family Law – Denial of Custody or Visitation – Murder Convictions*.

This bill prohibits a court, unless good cause for the award of custody or visitation is shown, from awarding custody of a child or visitation with a child to a parent who has been found guilty of first degree or second degree murder of specified persons; and authorizes the court to approve a supervised visitation arrangement that assures the safety and well-being of the child if visitation is in the best interest of the child.

Senate Bill 76, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 435.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 435

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Denial of Custody or Visitation – Murder Convictions

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a court, except under certain circumstances, from awarding custody of a child or visitation with a child to a parent who has been found by a court to be guilty of first degree or second degree murder of certain individuals; authorizing the court to approve a certain supervised visitation arrangement under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to child custody and visitation.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 9–101 and 9–101.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Family Law

Section 9–101.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Family Law